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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Ruschke et al.

Serial No.: 09/853,802

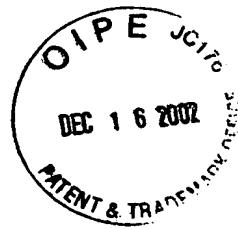
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Title: MOTORIZED PROPULSION SYSTEM FOR A BED

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Examiner: Luby, Matthew D.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	33	29	4	\$18	\$72
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	5	4	1	\$84	\$84
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$156
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$156

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An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested
under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

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TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$156

A check in the amount of \$ 156.00 to cover the total fee for this
amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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William S. MeyersDated: 12/9/2002AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed September 17, 2002, please consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Filed herewith in the attached Appendix is a MARKED UP COPY OF THE AMENDMENTS UNDER §1.121 including brackets for deletions and underlining for additions.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 8-13, 19 and 21 to read as follows:

8. (Amended) A propulsion system configured to move a patient support, the propulsion system comprising
a propulsion device adapted to contact the floor to power movement of the

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